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SUBJECT: SALT: US/ SOVIET DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

SUMMARY: READING FROM FONOFF INSTRUCTIONS TO GERMAN

NATO AMB KRAPF, DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH TOLD

EMBOFF JUNE 25 THAT THE FRG WELCOMED THE US/ SOVIET

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DECLARATION OF SALT PRINCIPLES AS A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO STABILIZING THE STRATEGIC BALANCE. ROTH SAID THE FRG DESIRES TO CONSULT SOON AND CLOSELY ON THE PRECISE MEANING OF THE PRINCIPLES. HE SAID BONN IS CONCERNED THAT THE TIMETABLE IN ARTICLE ONE (1974) NOT PLACE THE USG UNDER PRESSURE TO REACH A LESS THAN WHOLLY SATISFACTORY SALT AGREEMENT. ROTH SAID THE FRG AND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES CONTINUED TO BE IMPRESSED BY THE PERSISTING PRESENCE OF THE MILITARY/ SECURITY PROBLEM IN EUROPE AND BY THE CONTINUING BUILD UP OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER IN AND AROUND EUROPE. WITH A PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE ISSUES OF FBS, NON-CIRCUMVENTION, AND NON- FIRST USE, ROTH SAID HE STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT " CLOSER" CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE US AND ITS NATO ALLIES WOULD BE NECESSARY AS SALT- II NEGOTIATIONS UNFOLDED. END SUMMARY.

1. MORE SPECIFICALLY, ROTH SAID AMB KRAPF HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED AS APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN NATO.

2. PRINCIPLE TWO. WHAT IS THE EXACT MEANING OF THE PHRASE " RECOGNITION OF EACH OTHER' S EQUAL SECURITY INTERESTS"? DOES THAT PHRASE, WHEN READ TOGETHER WITH THE FORMULATION " EFFORTS TO OBTAIN UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE.... WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR" CONSTITUTE A NEW FORMULATION FOR " EQUAL AGGREGATES"?

3. PRINCIPLE TWO. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE WORD " AGREEMENTS" IN THE SENSE THAT " NEW AGREEMENTS" ON SALT " WILL BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AMERICAN/ SOVIET DOCUMENTS ADOPTED IN MOSCOW IN MAY 1972 AND THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE 1973"?

4. PRINCIPLE TWO. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE " EFFORTS TO OBTAIN UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE.... WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR"?

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5. PRINCIPLE FOUR. FRG WELCOMES REFERENCE TO THE NECESSITY FOR ADEQUATE VERIFICATION, BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW LIMITATIONS ON QUALITATIVE ASPECTS (SUCH AS MIRV) COULD BE VERIFIED BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS.

6. PRINCIPLE SIX. WHAT KIND OF " SEPARATE MEASURES"

ARE BOTH SIDES PREPARED TO AGREE ON (DOES THIS REFER
TO AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON MIRV OR ARE THE TWO SIDES
ALSO CONSIDERING REVISED CEILINGS ON NUMBERS AND
THROW WEIGHTS)?
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